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#### THE TEHUANTEPEC SHIP RAILWAY COMPANY NEED THIS AMOUNT.

Mr. Austin Corbin Dines Nineteen Railroad Presidents—Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the Fitchburg—A Test of the Interstate Law to Be Made—Railway News.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
 PITTSBURG, Pa., February 25.—The regular annual meeting of the Tehuantepec Ship Railway Company was held to-day in the office of Mr. Charles J. Clarke, a member of the board of directors. The company was organized in 1882, and has since that time been engaged in the construction of a ship railway from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean. The company has a capital of \$20,000,000, and has expended \$10,000,000 in the construction of the railway. The company is now in the process of raising the remaining \$10,000,000, and is offering bonds for that purpose. The bonds are offered at a discount of 10 per cent, and will mature in 1890. The company is now in the process of raising the remaining \$10,000,000, and is offering bonds for that purpose. The bonds are offered at a discount of 10 per cent, and will mature in 1890.

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**A NOTABLE GATHERING.**  
 Mr. Austin Corbin Dines Nineteen Railroad Presidents. By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
 NEW YORK, February 25.—A significant dinner party gathered Monday evening at the residence of Austin Corbin, No. 408 Fifth avenue. The dinner was given by Mr. Corbin in honor of Geo. B. Roberts, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Covers were laid for nineteen persons and an elaborate menu was served. The principal interest centered in the representative character of the gentlemen present, and it is doubtful if the same number of leading railroad men ever met before around a social board. Besides the host and Mr. Roberts, there were present Charles Francis Adams, President of the Baltimore & Ohio; Robert H. Harris, President of the Northern Pacific; C. E. Clark, President of the New York, New Haven & Hartford; J. Rogers Maxwell, President of the Jersey Central; Samuel Sloan, President of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; E. P. Wilbur, President of the Lehigh Valley; J. Edgar Thomson, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania; A. A. Macleod, Vice-President of the Philadelphia & Reading; and J. Edgar Thomson, Vice-President of the Pullman Palace Car Company. Besides the railroad representatives there were also present Mayor Hewitt and Geo. E. Childs, A. J. Drexel and Wayne McVagh of Philadelphia.  
**A RAILROAD ROW.**  
 President Phillips of the Fitchburg, Charged With Fraudulent Voting of Proxies. By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
 BOSTON, Mass., February 25.—Bill in equity has been filed in the Supreme Court by Asahel W. Sawyer et al. vs. Elijah B. Phillips and the Fitchburg Railroad Company, asking that Mr. Phillips be removed from his office of Director and President of the Board of Directors of said railroad company. The bill alleges that Mr. Phillips unlawfully solicited from a large number of stockholders named in the bill proxies to be used at the annual meeting, and that he unlawfully hired a large number of young men and boys to cast the proxies so unlawfully obtained, and that these latter attended in such numbers as to prevent many stockholders from gaining access to the room in which the meeting was held. The bill further alleges that no stock register or check list of stockholders was used at the meeting, but that votes were received and counted without inquiry and, contrary to custom, destroyed as soon as cast. Judge Allen, upon this bill, has issued an order of notice, returnable April 2. The bill is signed by Asahel W. Sawyer, Mason D. Benson, Eleazer F. Pratt and John L. Alexander. There is no doubt about President Phillips' unpopularity with the country stockholders. At the recent annual meeting of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, held at the Hotel Hamilton, Phillips' substitution of a circular was distributed showing the reckless management of the road on a \$400,000 deficit, was a source of dissatisfaction. Phillips says he hired no proxies, as alleged, and that the charge is born of sheer malice.

### THE TENNESSEE MIDLAND.

#### By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

JACKSON, Tenn., February 25.—The Tennessee Midland Railroad between this city and Memphis, eighty-five miles, will be completed and the cars running by May 1. It has been less than a year since the Virginia Construction Company began agitating the Midland scheme and, compared with the time consumed in putting enterprises of smaller magnitude on foot, the progress made up to this time has been remarkable. The line is more than 600 miles in length, most of it through hilly and mountainous country. The cost is \$7,000,000, yet in twelve months eighty-five miles have been built and a permanent survey made entirely across the State of Tennessee.  
 The force at work in the Mobile & Ohio Railroad shops in this city is larger now than ever before. The machinery from the Whistler (Ala.) shops has been moved here. These are now the largest railroad shops between Mobile and St. Louis.  
**The Grand Trunk Pool.**  
 MONTREAL, February 25.—In regard to the report that the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk Railways had made pooling arrangements, General Manager Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific was interviewed this afternoon. He stated that the relations between the roads were at present very harmonious, in fact, more so than at any time in the past, but he declined to say anything in regard to the pooling question.  
**To Test the Interstate Law.**  
 By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
 DETROIT, Mich., February 25.—Henry Stephens & Co., one of the largest lumber firms in Michigan, had the contract for a term of years with the Michigan Central Railroad to carry their lumber. After the passage of the interstate bill the railroad repudiated the contract, declaring itself willing, but unable to carry the lumber. The Stephens & Co. to-day began a friendly suit in the United States Court for \$100,000 damages. Prominent lawyers have the lumber company had a good case, the result of which will effect the constitutionality of the interstate commerce law.  
**A New Railroad.**  
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### FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

#### The House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 25.—The House passed a bill providing that depositions of witnesses in causes pending before the United States Court may be taken in the mode prescribed by the laws of the State in which the court is held; also a bill granting a pension of \$20 per month to Mary E. Kirby, widow of Maj. A. M. Kirby, who died in 1884 from disease contracted in Florida while the bill grants arrears from 1878, amounting to about \$5,000.  
 Mr. Stewart of Georgia, from the Committee on Judiciary reported a bill rendering eligible to army positions persons who served in the military, naval or civil service of the Confederate States.  
 Mr. Brown of Virginia, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the bill to establish a quarantine station at Cape Charles, Va.  
 Mr. Tanager, from the same committee, reported a bill to establish a life-saving station at Kewauqua, Wis.  
 Bills were reported for the completion of the public building at Wichita, Kan., and for the improvement of the public building at Louisville, Ky.  
 Mr. Springer called up the bill for the organization of the Territory of Oklahoma.  
 Mr. Mansur of Missouri advocated the bill. He referred to the President to take the floor was given in committee on the whole to the committee on public building and grounds. The first bill called up one appropriating \$75,000 for a public building at Omaha, Neb., was introduced by Mr. Bland of Missouri, who criticized the manner in which the House acted upon amendments, prevented a vote being taken on the bill, and the committee having risen, the House without action on them adjourned.  
**They Collided.**  
 Car No. 3 of the People's Railroad going south collided at Fourth and Gratiot streets with a street car, a four-horse wagon loaded with sacks of oats and driven by Bosman. The front dashboard of the car was badly bent and a sack of oats in the wagon broke open and fell on the car. No other damage was done, and no arrests were made.  
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As of St. Louis, do not let any more  
thrown into your eyes. Vote for  
linking amendment next Tuesday.

New York Tribune asks the ques-  
tion: How can BLAINE be spared? If  
he will recall the overwhelming popu-  
lar approval which Mr. BLAINE was  
given in November, 1884, it will find at  
least a partial answer to its question.

Washington specials give a very  
interesting explanation of the private  
life of Mr. BLAINE. He is said to be  
retiring, which, taken in connection  
with his cable report of another inter-  
view with him, should convince everybody  
that he will not run again unless he is  
driven.

On the expressions of the newspapers  
evident that the victory of St. Louis  
Chicago delights more than three-  
fourths of the Union. Louisville was so  
pleased that Mr. Mayor Pomeroy upon  
deception en route home and gave  
an impromptu speech at the Gallop  
house.

New York Tribune is contending  
that Mr. BLAINE must be  
nominated if the Republicans expect to  
win. This leaves us to the inference that  
he is a candidate for the Republican  
nomination. But this is the Tribune's  
and the Tribune's reputation for ac-  
curacy has been badly disfigured.

It is announced that MAHONEY wants  
to be Vice-President on the same  
ticket with SHERMAN, and it is  
stated that SHERMAN would be pleased  
to accept. If MAHONEY should be  
nominated, it would be a very serious  
blow to at least be harmoni-  
ously arranged as to insure defeat.

There is no importance of the election  
Tuesday on the Charter amend-  
ment, it has been suggested by some of  
the leading retail and wholesale firms  
and manufacturers that the business places  
of each employe and workman may  
be made an opportunity to vote. Out of each  
of the 60 must be "X" or "O" or  
the vote will be lost. We need the  
all the friends of sprinkling, as  
advertisers of vacant lots will  
try to vote "No."

Reasons of claims for royalty on  
wells were still pending in the  
other day when the United  
States Supreme Court denied the applica-  
tion for a rehearing of the case in  
recently decided that the expired  
patent had been valid. A vast  
of royalty money had been  
collected under it and will  
be recovered, but the farmer who  
had farmed can set his dogs on  
who propose to compromise the  
royalty claims. They will all be  
in now at the cost of the claimant.

Sub of Congressman BOUTWELL's  
resolution has been most dis-  
tasteful and humiliating to that famous  
knight. Of course everybody knows  
the purpose of the resolution was  
campaign ammunition for next  
to come to light that the only  
returned to any State by the  
argument were returned under  
administration, BOUTWELL  
has "condition of the boy whom  
a very he has nothing to say,  
continue to have nothing to say  
for him and for his party.

Fort for the crowd enters of  
of a long interview with  
our morning, and seems  
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ent reasons why  
a candidate  
conclusive  
permit him

to make such a fight as he did before, that  
it would not do for him to make a feeble  
fight after accepting the nomination, and  
that he has long held that no defeated  
nominee can, with justice to his party,  
seek or accept its nomination again.

OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.  
In answer to the questions asked by  
"Landlord" in our "Forum" we have  
to say that the owners of the property will  
have to pay the sprinkling tax and ought  
to pay it just as they pay other taxes for  
the comfort and protection of their ten-  
ants. The cost of it, however, will save  
them as much in the way of paint and  
wall-paper, and rent generally covers all  
the landlord has to pay in the way of  
taxes and repairs, besides returning him  
a good interest on the value of the prop-  
erty.

Taking property for street sprinkling is  
like taxing property for street repairs,  
street cleaning and street lighting, and is  
quite different from taxing the property  
owners to pay for the fuel, water, gas,  
clothing or food of the tenants. These are  
articles of private consumption, which  
each consumer indulges in according to  
his wants and means, paying for what he  
gets, while street sprinkling, street light-  
ing, etc., are paid for by a property tax,  
because the benefits are shared equally  
by all persons, rich and poor, landlords and  
tenants.

If the comparatively high rent which a  
city tenant pays for occupying a small  
city lot did not secure him the comforts,  
conveniences and advantages of city  
living he would not pay it, and would go  
out into the country where he could rent  
a large and well appointed farm for less  
money. He pays high rents to get these  
comforts and advantages, and the city  
landlord who pays high city taxes gets  
them back in high rents.

As for the cry that there is in the  
amendment no express limit to the  
amount of the sprinkling tax, we answer  
that the people can put a proper limit on  
the tax by electing an honest Municipal  
Assembly. We have also a faithful and  
efficient Board of Public Improvements  
and other faithful and competent city  
officials whose duty it is to see that the pub-  
lic is not cheated. If a Municipal As-  
sembly, elected by the people and responsible  
to the people, insists on making a corrupt  
job of the sprinkling and imposing an  
excessive sprinkling tax, the press will  
expose it and the people will have the  
remedy in their own hands.

DOUBLE INCORPORATION.  
The testimony given in Philadelphia to  
the committee of Congress by the present  
and former officers of the Reading Rail-  
road Company presents a striking picture  
of vices and evils inherent in the loose  
and reckless system of legislating for  
corporations that has prevailed in the past  
throughout our country.

The history of Reading is a story of cap-  
ital and credit first incorporated in a rail-  
road company with abundant stock-wat-  
ering facilities, and then duplicated by a  
double incorporation of the same capital  
and credit in a coal and iron company  
with additional stock-jobbing and stock-  
watering facilities based on monopoly  
powers resulting from the combination of  
different functions and powers under one  
control.

CHARLES E. SMITH, who was President  
of the Reading from 1861 to 1869 and a Di-  
rector until 1876, testified that he withdrew  
because the company in its double capac-  
ity soon became the prey of stock-gam-  
bling Directors and began to load itself  
down with debt, borrowing \$15,000,000 to  
pay unearned dividends and falsifying its  
reports for effect on the stock market. In  
1869 it was earning enough to pay 10 per  
cent dividends after paying the interest on  
its debt, which was then less than  
\$8,000,000. Its debt now shows an increase  
of \$146,000,000 since 1869, incurred by buy-  
ing 142 square miles of coal land and  
working up coal "combines" and monop-  
olies to carry this huge fabric of plunder  
and falsify it as a tax for all time upon the  
coal consumers of the country.

This was done in spite of a State Consti-  
tution expressly prohibiting any railroad  
company to acquire any land for other  
than for railroad purposes or to engage in  
any business other than that of a common  
carrier. But the Reading did all this by  
buying a coal and iron mining charter  
under an alias, and setting this new com-  
pany up in business with no other capital  
but Reading stock controlled by Read-  
ing's men. By a similar evasion of law it  
acquired control of the Schuylkill Canal  
and the North Pennsylvania Railroad and  
entered into a combination with other  
roads to restrict the supply of coal and  
advance prices to consumers while put-  
ting down the price of coal at the mines.  
Then, by a juggling process called "min-  
ing for tonnage," it could show net earn-  
ings for coal transportation of \$10,000,000  
a year against losses of \$2,000,000 a year  
in mining.

The testimony of Mr. JONES, the former  
Vice-President of the Reading, corroborated  
that of Mr. SMITH, but when Presi-  
dent AUSTIN CORBIN was asked about the  
company's financial transactions and con-  
dition he said he would answer such  
questions for the owners only, and that  
"the public have no interest and no busi-  
ness in it."

Has the public no interest in these op-  
erations? In 1861 and throughout the years  
when the Reading adhered to its common  
carrier business and was prosperous and  
paid little in debt, it charged only \$1.25  
per ton where it now charges \$1.80  
per ton for hauling coal. In 1867  
the wholesale price of coal in Philadelphia  
was \$2 per ton, and it was delivered on

board there for shipment at \$2.80. Now  
the wholesale price in Philadelphia ex-  
ceeds \$4.80, and the consumers in that  
city have been forced to pay as high as  
\$6.50, when coal from the same mine was  
delivered in the cellar of the consumer at  
Wilkesbarre for \$2.50 per ton.

Not only has the public a vital interest  
in the processes by which such robbery is  
effected, but it is the duty of our lawmak-  
ers to inquire into them and enact such  
laws as will suppress them.

INGALLS SHOWS HIS HAND.  
The Senate committee's report on pend-  
ing Pacific Railroad questions can be an-  
ticipated by the country with more assur-  
ance than satisfaction. How far it will go  
towards fastening a monstrous fabric of  
fraudulent capitalization upon our  
transportation and how far towards pro-  
tecting the plunderers, will depend solely  
on the wise caution of their political  
agents and attorneys. It must be man-  
ifest to these that a further strain upon  
the present temper of the public would be  
very dangerous. But inside of that  
danger point public opinion will have no  
effect upon that committee.

When the Senate finally authorized the  
fee-grabbing attorneys of its Judiciary  
Committee to creep out of the complica-  
tions of their position by turning the  
Pacific Railroad matter over to a select  
committee, they took care that the inter-  
ests of their clients should not suffer in  
the selection. In choosing the Democratic  
minority of the committee, Mr. INGALLS  
went counter to the wishes of the Demo-  
cratic Senators and named, of all others,  
the very Democrats whom Senator STAN-  
FORD himself would have chosen—HEARST,  
MORGAN and BUTLER. If GOULD, HUN-  
TINGTON, STANFORD and President ADAMS  
of the Union Pacific had put their heads  
together they could not have selected a  
committee more pleasing to them from top  
to bottom than INGALLS has chosen for them.

Senator HOAR's chief mission in the  
Senate is to protect "innocent pur-  
chasers" of fraudulently issued securities,  
and to protect the millionaire heirs of the  
Credit Mobilier robbery, one of whom is  
the Governor of his State. HEARST was  
elected as a Democrat to represent the  
Central and Southern Pacific ring, not  
Democracy, in the Senate. MORGAN of  
Alabama and BUTLER of South Carolina  
have never failed the railroad magnates  
in any emergency since they have been in  
the Senate. HUNTINGTON and STANFORD  
are fooling Gulf State Senators with bright  
visions of the Southern Pacific as the  
future great controlling inter-oceanic  
highway of the Continent, with terminal  
at all their seaports, from Newport News  
around to Galveston.

But there is yet hope that the President,  
the House and a majority of the Senate  
will prove true to their trusts in spite of  
anything this committee may propose.

MUM CANDIDATES.  
The dominant Republican party in  
Iowa and the dominant Democratic party  
in Missouri have both seen their "yellow  
dog" majorities dwindling rapidly away  
for some years and from the same cause.  
Both have thought of nothing but office  
and the spoils of power, while monopoly  
rule rough-shod over the people in every  
direction, disregarding the laws, practis-  
ing discriminations and extortions, and  
evading their obligations as public serv-  
ants and as taxpayers.

The party bosses were blind to these  
wrong and deaf to the complaints of the  
people, whom they sought to amuse with  
prohibition, local option and other side  
issues, until they found that something  
else was required to ake out their tenure  
of power. Then the Democrats of Mis-  
souri last year made a show of attempting  
to enforce by appropriate legislation the  
railroad regulation provided for by the  
Constitution. Now the Iowa Republicans,  
under the lead of Gov. LARABEE, are  
making an effort in the same direction,  
and are promising to assess their first-  
class railroads at \$60,000 per mile, and to  
raise the aggregate railroad assessment  
from \$88,000,000 to \$65,000,000.

Now, what say the numerous candidates  
for Governor of Missouri on this question  
of railroad assessment? What say each  
and all of the candidates for offices which  
will make them, when elected, members  
of the State Board of Equalization? What  
one of them has the nerve to openly com-  
mit himself to the policy of reforming the  
gross inequalities of taxation in this  
State to the extent of shifting more of the  
burden to the railroads from the weaker  
shoulders upon which it has been unjustly  
placed?

It has been too long customary in Mis-  
souri to elect a candidate for Governor or  
other State office, not because he had any-  
thing to propose, not because he repre-  
sented any idea or policy for the better-  
ment of the people's condition, but merely  
because he craved the place and was  
willing to work hard for it and "see" all  
the local managers about it, or because  
they, for occult reasons, wished him to  
have it. Why they wish him to have it,  
or what he will do with it when he gets it,  
are treated as secondary questions, to be  
overlooked for policy's sake or to be  
answered in stock phrases which might  
mean anything pleasing to the average  
voter, but which we find in the end  
to mean really nothing. So  
when the party convention is called  
and its list is ratified by more or less of  
the "yellow-dog" majority, we find  
things running in the old grooves;  
a few changes at the feed-trough, per-  
haps, some slight variation in the ap-  
portionment of patronage, but the same old  
inertia and silence in the messages, the  
organs and the Legislature about our bar-

baric and iniquitous tax system; the same  
old craven submission to the railroad bosses  
at Jefferson City, and the same old habit of  
consulting the potentates and taking care  
of the big aggressive interests and letting  
the little ones and the unorganized masses  
take care of themselves.

It is about time to stop this foolishness  
and to require all candidates for State  
office in Missouri to go before the people  
on some definite and distinct policy with  
reference to the reform of our revenue  
system and the equalization of taxation.  
It will be a bright day for Missouri when  
the voice of the common people shall be  
once more heard as respectfully at the  
State capital as the whispers of the rail-  
road lobby.

STANFORD'S THEORY.  
Senator STANFORD is right when he says  
the best way of abolishing poverty is by  
working and saving. But when he couples  
with this the bold proposition that the  
\$200,000,000 possessed by the Vanderbilts  
could not exist at all if they did not have  
it he is simply asking us to concede that  
they created their wealth and that, in  
fact, all the wealth in the world was cre-  
ated by its present possessors, and, but for  
their wealth-creating efforts and power,  
would not be in existence now.

When he asks us to believe that the  
\$200,000,000 which he and his partners got  
out of the Central Pacific road was created  
by them, and would not have existed but  
for them, we tell him that the United  
States put many millions of acres of land  
and many millions of dollars into the con-  
struction of that road, while he and his  
partners put in only \$1,500 apiece. They  
built the road with Government money  
and land, and now want to settle on the  
basis that their \$200,000,000 was created by  
them out of nothing, and that instead of  
owing the United States over \$100,000,000  
for borrowed money, the builders and op-  
erators of the Pacific roads have just  
claims against the Government for millions  
more.

The Stanford idea is that possession is  
not only "nine points of the law," but  
that skill in getting conveyances to the pos-  
sessor all the moral and legal rights of the  
creators and producers of wealth. What  
a consoling and convenient doctrine—for  
all believers in

the good old plan  
That they shall take who have the power  
And they shall keep who can.

If the feeling of the Republican  
Grangers of the Northwest were alienated  
from the Republican party, its prestige  
would be gone and it would have hard  
work to carry any States on a trust-mo-  
nopoly platform, except Pennsylvania,  
Ohio and Vermont. It is to save the party  
from such paralysis that the Chicago Tri-  
bune, St. Paul Pioneer Press and other  
low-tariff and anti-monopoly papers of  
the Northwest are now uttering warn-  
ings which their party cannot afford  
to ignore. They earnestly defend the in-  
terests and ably voice the sentiments of  
the great agricultural masses of their  
section, and their powerful onslaughts on  
war taxes and trust robberies indicate  
that the Republican masses of the North-  
west are with the President on the great  
economic questions now awaiting settle-  
ment at the ballot-box. They see that  
saddling the Republican party with a  
trust ticket and a Pennsylvania platform  
would tend to make every State in the  
Northwest as overwhelmingly Democratic  
as Missouri.

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,  
the National Saengerfest and the great  
St. Louis Races will keep this city  
thronged with strangers during more than  
half of June. If the sprinkling amend-  
ment gets three-fifths of all the votes  
polled next Tuesday these visitors will all  
go home declaring that St. Louis is the  
most delightful meeting-place for a Na-  
tional gathering that can be selected any-  
where in the Union.

THE NEW YORK PRESS has made the dis-  
covery that in some sections of the South  
Confederate money "appears to be plenti-  
ful," and is palmed off on ignorant peo-  
ple, who estimate bills by their size and  
"the figures on their corners." The rank  
stupidity of this announcement reminds  
us that there abide some of the old moss-  
backs who still look to "Uncle Tom's  
Cabin" for contemporary information  
about the South.

It appears that Mr. FLOOD of California lost  
\$10,000,000 in the great wheat deal which caught  
Mr. MACART. It is not known whom or what  
Mr. FLOOD will sue for the recovery of his money.

ADVENTUROUS explorers should give the  
North Pole a rest and go on a search for Gen.  
SHERMAN's birthplace. There would be less  
danger in it.

CHICAGO didn't get a smell of the Demo-  
cratic Convention, and it may be remarked  
that the lucky convention will not get a smell  
of Chicago.

It is astonishing how easy it now is to pull a  
speech out of a man with a boom to nurse.  
What a hair-trigger crowd these aspirants are  
becoming!

It is believed that nothing in all the land is  
so full of life as Mrs. LANGSTON's death in "As  
in a Looking-Glass."

MAHONEY, after lying still for several months,  
has turned over and grunted. His aim again  
was a good club.

THE FORKERS CLUB of Cincinnati is looking  
for permanent quarters. The cemetery is the  
place for them.

WHAT a pity that the amateur cornetist has  
not the serious organization of Miss JOSE  
HOFMAN!

Restricting the Growth of Rascals' stores.  
From a Letter by David A. Wells.

In most of the discussions in opposition to  
the policy of continuing to collect an unnece-  
sary revenue of \$100,000,000 per annum the bar-

den of such unnecessary taxation on the peo-  
ple as consumers is the point chiefly dwelt  
upon. Now, great as may be the measure  
of this wrong, it is nothing in comparison  
with the concurrent wrong that this same  
policy entails by restricting the growth of  
our manufacturing industries. Thus during  
the fiscal year 1887 duties were collected  
by the United States to the amount of \$19,867,-  
000 on articles in a crude condition which en-  
tered into the various processes of domestic  
industry, and \$20,392,493 on articles wholly or  
partially manufactured for use as materials in  
our manufactures or mechanic arts, or a total  
of \$40,259,493. Thirty-nine million nine hun-  
dred thousand dollars is 10 per cent on \$392,-  
000,000, and, burdened with this charge,  
not one dollar's worth of the immense  
product which would be represented by this  
sum could be sold outside of the territory of  
the United States in competition with the like  
products of other nations, the component raw  
materials of which are exempt from such tax-  
ation save in respect to a very few articles in  
which American skill overcomes the burden of  
the tariff. Who suffers thereby? Everybody  
whose property would be enhanced by an  
enlargement of the opportunity for labor in  
the United States. Take off this tax of 10 per  
cent on \$392,000,000 of products and the  
American manufacturer would meet the foreign  
manufacturer in the markets of the world  
for the first time on terms of equality so far  
as the cost of his crude materials is concerned,  
and then American skill and enterprise would  
have an opportunity of showing what they  
could do in the world's race for commercial  
and industrial supremacy. Such an oppor-  
tunity is not now given them, and never will  
be so long as shams of all nations we continue  
to tax the crude materials entering into our  
manufacturing processes.

Sharon's Ghost Must Pay.  
From the Chicago Herald.  
The success of Sarah Althea Hill Sharon  
Terry in the Supreme Court of California em-  
phasizes the fact that marriage is held by the  
civil authorities to be a civil contract rather  
than a religious ceremony. It is the most im-  
portant bargain a man or woman can make.  
If a man enters into any lesser contract in the  
presence of witnesses, or if he writes the con-  
tract, it stands in law. So should a contract to  
marry, and especially a contract such as mar-  
riage, where the parties have lived as man and  
wife, thus carrying the bargain into effect.  
Sharon probably wedded a woman who took  
him for his money. When that fact became  
evident to him it was too late to undo his act.  
He undoubtedly secured the affections of his  
wife, so that those affections were, because  
he had money—that is, he was conscious of his  
great wealth enabled him to make an alliance  
that might otherwise have been scorned. That  
wealth should obtain a wife, but not her heart,  
disappointed Sharon, as most lovers of his  
kind are disappointed. He died leaving his  
last wish that Sarah Althea should have no  
part of his ten millions. But she bids fair to  
gain the dowry, and, bitter yet, she has  
married the lawyer who fought and won the  
legal battle against her former spouse.

Southern Negroes and the Tariff.  
From the Southern (Fla.) Leader-Colored Organ.  
The colored people are not benefited by a  
high protective tariff, and consequently they  
ought to favor a low tariff, which we have  
adopted, be more favorable to their condi-  
tion as poor agricultural laborers. We favor  
a low tariff because our people need cheaper  
necessaries of life. We oppose any reduction  
in the tax on whiskey and tobacco, because  
these are luxuries and very filthy and destruc-  
tive luxuries at that. Give the poor people  
cheap woolen blankets and goods; cheap  
sugar, rice, crockery, tools, farming imple-  
ments and iron, and make whiskey and tobacco  
high and scarce.

How It Beats the Farmers.  
From the Husbandman.  
The tariff on wool is the bone which the  
burglar throws to the dog. It is a scheme to  
pay the farmers while the manufacturers and  
speculators become millionaires at their  
expense. The fact is, farmers of America pay  
more in the form of taxes on woolen goods  
than they receive in the form of extra com-  
pensation on the product of their flocks, and  
this one farm product which is protected to  
their possible advantage, there are a thou-  
sand things whose protection enriches the  
manufacturer and speculator at the farmer's  
expense.

DECORATE YOUR HOMES.  
The Great Fire Sale Offers You a Magnifi-  
cent Opportunity.  
To purchase artistic and beautiful clocks,  
bronzes, vases, fine plates, cups and saucers,  
music boxes, etc., at half and even less than  
half their value.

Why not go to-morrow to No. 408 N. 4th,  
where the great fire sale of the Mermod &  
Jacard Jewelry Co. is going on, and purchase  
some of the exquisite wares at these cheap  
prices before the choicest are gone.

MEN OF MARK.  
SENATOR EDMUNDS has a dog on which he  
dotes.  
SENATOR VOORHEES will not vote for the Blair  
bill again.  
ALL efforts to induce Gov. Hill to try the to-  
boggan sail at Albany this year have been  
vain.  
F. MARION CRAWFORD, the novelist, is six feet  
two inches in height. He has done some very  
talented writing, too.  
EX-PRESIDENT HAYES will attend the Wash-  
ington anniversary dinner at Columbus, O., and  
deliver an oration.  
BOSTONIANS have discovered that Henry Tr-  
uman can deliver more words to the minute  
than the Rev. Phillips Brooks.  
On the 15th persons executed by Berry, the  
English hangman, up to this time, only sixteen  
were hung in Ireland and two in Scotland.  
MEGALOPHON HANCOCK, who celebrated his 100th  
birthday at Monon, Ind., last week, claims to  
be a grandson of John Hancock of the Decla-  
ration of Independence fame.

PEOPLE don't really miss the Pope's toe.  
The Pope's foot is encased in a dainty slipper  
which is again encased in a dainty slipper en-  
brodered with a cross, while the pilgrim  
touches with his lips.  
Gov. HILL has three pets at the Executive  
Mansion, Albany—two dogs and a cat. Zeke  
is as homely a bull pup as ever existed. Bruno  
is a good-natured Irish setter. The cat, a great  
favorite with the Governor, bears the appro-  
priate name of Veto.

SENATOR GORMAN's "stag" dinners are be-  
coming famous in Washington. The menu us-  
ually consists of what the host calls "a Mary-  
land dinner." Terrapin and canvasback duck  
prepared by the best of the best are lead-  
ing features of the banquet.

MR. GUIMARANS, a Portuguese inventor, is  
said to have made a new repeating gun called  
the Archimedes, which requires neither  
powder nor compressed air. It is an arrange-  
ment of extremely powerful springs, and is  
said to carry quite as far as any ordinary army  
gun.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN of the Second Minn-  
apolis Volunteers is the only man on the Gov-  
ernment pension rolls who sacrificed both  
hands and feet—the late Civil War, and so

there is no provision of law applicable to such  
special cases as his will be presented to Con-  
gress increasing the pension he now receives  
to \$150 a month.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD.  
MISS KATE FIELD is at Santa Barbara, Cal.  
MRS. CHRISTINE NILSON is troubled with  
continued rheumatism.  
THE Spanish Government has consented to  
let ex-Queen Isabella reside at Seville.

MRS. JAMES T. FIELDS has almost regained  
her health, after a threatening attack of pneu-  
monia.

MRS. MINNIE PALMER ROGERS has secured a  
not hjar-nub in emulation of Sarah Bern-  
hardt's tiger-kitten.

MISS AGNES MCCLELLAN, local editor of the  
Seward Democrat, is the youngest lady editor  
of Nebraska. She is but 15.

MRS. SECRETARY WHITNEY is very much an-  
noyed at the published comments on her in-  
timacy with Mrs. Brown Potter.

Seven engagements were made at a leap  
year party at Woodland, Cal., the other night,  
where only fourteen couples were present.

MISS ROSE ELIZABETH CLEVELAND recently  
assisted Mrs. Hicks-Lord at a reception at her  
house in New York, which was attended by  
over 2,000 guests.

M. C. SHERMAN proposes to the Philadelphia  
millionaire who wants to know how best to  
spend \$50,000 in charity that he should build  
an old maid's home.

MRS. MUNCK, who has just been formally be-  
trothed to Prince Oscar of Sweden, is of Ger-  
man ancestry, and is related to the husband  
of Carlotta Patti. She is an accomplished  
musician and writes clever poems.

MRS. LANGHORN, a Virginia lady whose hus-  
band made a great fortune in tobacco, wears  
the finest solitaire diamonds in Washington.  
These stones are valued at \$5,000 each, and  
she has a necklace to match which cost \$20,000.

A POOR German woman in Saginaw, Mich.,  
not long ago prepaid express charges amount-  
ing to \$6 on a package of medicine which she  
sent to the Crown Prince of Germany, fondly  
and loyally hoping that it might cure his dis-  
eased throat.

MISS MINNIE DOWS, a Siamese lady who was  
not long ago an attendant upon the King of  
Siam, is now studying at Oxford, O. She  
wishes to prepare herself to practice medi-  
cine, to be able to return to her country as a  
medical missionary.

MRS. LOIS M. BISHOP of Randolph, Vt., was  
supposed to be dead the other day, as she lay  
unconscious for several hours, but she awoke  
out of the trance and said she had talked with  
her husband and son who had been dead for  
years. She is 95 years old.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.  
Against the Amendments.  
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
So as to enable myself and others to under-  
stand the amendments before voting, please  
state whether, if the sprinkling amendment is  
adopted, it will or will not have the effect of  
transferring the cost of sprinkling from the  
house renters to the house owners, and if any  
attempt will be made by the city to collect  
from occupiers, as formerly done by sprin-  
kling companies, before placing a lien on the  
property. Also why a possible limit has not  
been mentioned in the amendment,  
that is, the limit of the advance being that  
which would be very reasonable, and would  
check the advance in cost to any excessive  
amount that circumstances, such as combina-  
tions, etc., might make it otherwise. Also  
produce, in other words, once grant an  
authority to tax to an unlimited amount,  
why not tax property owners for water, gas, etc.,  
which are now taxed, and which are more un-  
fair than to tax them for sprinkling?

LANDLORD.  
HANG or Not Hang.  
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
We send to the antipodes for the arrest of  
murderers, putting the State and city to heavy  
expense, and thus after the conviction of the  
culprit, having in the meantime squandered the  
just say lemon—of all acceptable metal, we  
then set about finding pretexts for the libera-  
tion of the felon, whether from China or else-  
where.

Even a member of an organized band of  
murderers (the highlanders) turned loose  
with a flourish of trumpets as though he were  
an object of National pride, to go on his way  
reluctant that he could another \$200, the  
minimum price paid by any of the six com-  
panies of the State, and which is more un-  
fair than to tax them for sprinkling?

PERSONAL LIBERTY.  
CITY PERSONALS.  
Mr. Hugh R. Hildreth will leave early next  
week for the East.  
Miss Wetherill of Burlington, Io., is the  
guest of Miss Adele Biedinger.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Nelson are at the  
Ponce de Leon Hotel, St. Augustine, Fla.  
Mrs. B. E. Morris of San Francisco is the  
guest of R. G. Young at 2338 Wright street.  
Mrs. S. A. Daugan is entertaining her niece,  
Miss Mary E. Daugan, at Mount Vernon, Ill.  
Miss Georgie Shields of No. 538 Washington  
avenue is visiting friends at Mount Point, Miss.  
A leap-year party will be given the last  
of March by Miss Della Winkelman and Miss  
Bertha Wilhelmy.

Mr. Chas. H. Bam, Jr., and wife, left last  
week for San Diego, Cal., where they will  
spend several months.  
Louis A. Bohn, Chas. Pold and John Bauer  
have left for San Diego, Cal., where they in-  
tend to make their home.











# ILL STRIKE MONDAY.

ENGINEERS OF THE BURLINGTON SYSTEM DETERMINED.

Chief Arthur Gives His Consent—15,000 Men Will Be Thrown Out of Employment—The Magnates' Reply—A Socialistic Delegate Silenced—Iron Works Closing Meeting.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. CHICAGO, Ill., February 27.—The strike of the engineers and firemen of the Burlington system was not yet called off, but there has been no settlement of the trouble between the men and the company and the strike is likely to take place at an early date.

moment. The delegates representing the different divisions and branches of the road, who spent nearly three weeks in Chicago negotiating with the company for a settlement, returned yesterday. Some of them have a two days' journey to make before reaching home, but as soon as they have reported the facts to the local assemblies which they represent a general strike will occur. It is likely that the men will quit work before Monday morning. There are about 3,000 engineers and firemen employed on the Burlington system, and should they quit work 1,200 other men, conductors, brakemen and round-house men, will be thrown out of employment.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 27.—One of the most important movements ever known in the ranks of organized labor has just been inaugurated here. It is one calculated to extend all over the country as soon as the movement is started. The strike of the engineers and firemen of the Burlington system, which is being called off at an early date, is being followed up in the small cities and towns until all workmen of the Burlington system are out of employment. The movement was started by the Philadelphia division of the Burlington system, which is being followed up in the small cities and towns until all workmen of the Burlington system are out of employment. The movement was started by the Philadelphia division of the Burlington system, which is being followed up in the small cities and towns until all workmen of the Burlington system are out of employment.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. CHICAGO, February 27.—Now I will be plain with you, said Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to a United Press reporter this evening. "There will be a strike. The Burlington system is being followed up in the small cities and towns until all workmen of the Burlington system are out of employment. The movement was started by the Philadelphia division of the Burlington system, which is being followed up in the small cities and towns until all workmen of the Burlington system are out of employment."

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. CHICAGO, February 27.—Early this morning Mr. John McCarry, the worthy foreman of the National Showmen's Union, No. 21, came in from St. Louis and immediately went to the St. James hotel. He said: "I am in the dark to what the trouble here, except from what I have read in the papers, and cannot express an opinion as to the result. The strike is being followed up in the small cities and towns until all workmen of the Burlington system are out of employment."

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. CHICAGO, February 27.—The Executive Committee of the Spinners' Union has voted to withdraw its representative from the Committee of the Local Assemblies, Knights of Labor. The union is alleged to be interfering with the Knights in the recent adjustment of the wage question and of the fault-finding of the union for the action taken by the latter organization.

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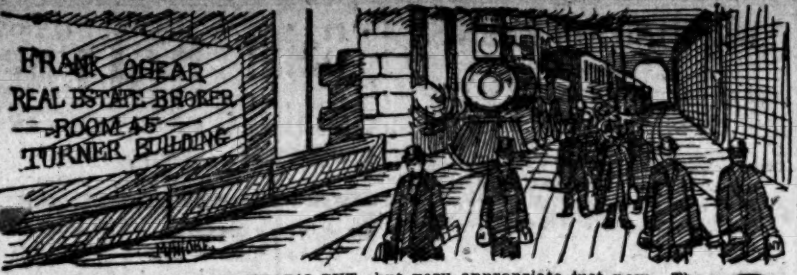
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## MARION HARLAND ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE BALLROOM.

Old-Time Prejudices Against Dancing—How Girls Should Dress in the Ball-Room—The Modern "Evening Dress"—When Dancing Becomes Injurious—Half-Cloth Beauties—The Modern Girl and the Waltz.

N days that are hardly "evening" but rather "middle-age," good people in and out of the pulpit—preached against dancing as a sin per se.

When committed by church members it is called for the descending arm of discipline in strokes as heavy as if the offense were against the state.

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## WASHINGTON SOCIETY'S GROUP OF ACCOMPLISHED FEMALE GENERALS.

Mrs. Cleveland's Common Sense and Religion—Mrs. Whitney's Wife as a Brilliant Society Woman and Exemplary Mother—Mrs. Fairchild and Her Ancestress—Mrs. Lamon's Charming Better Half—Other Ladies Who Occupy Prominent Social Positions.

Special Correspondence of the Post-Dispatch.

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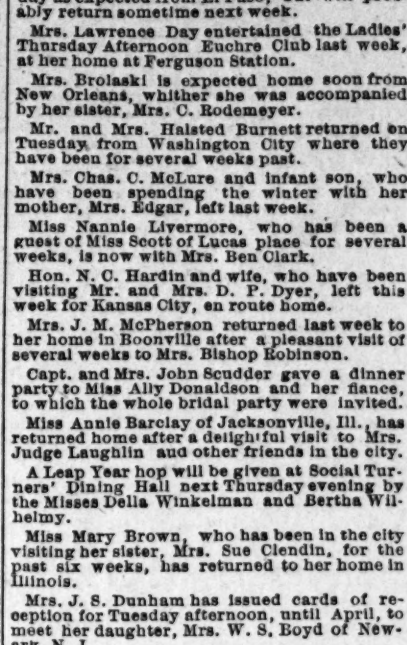
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